

## PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 30, 2013; 4:00–6:00 PM**  
Omaha Tribal Administration Building, 101 Main St., Macy, NE

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013; 4:00–6:00 PM**  
Blackhawk Community Building, 100 Bluff St., Winnebago, NE

### STPD-94-7(105) **WALTHILL EAST; CN 31511**

**LOCATION:** This proposed project is located on Nebraska Highway 94 (N-94) in Thurston County. The proposed project would begin on N-94 in Walthill just east of Hogeland Street, approximately half a mile west of the U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) intersection, and extend about five miles east to, but not including, the U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) intersection.

**PURPOSE AND NEED:** The purpose of the project is to preserve the N-94 asset, improve the reliability of the highway system, and maintain the mobility of the travelling public. The roadway surfacing has exceeded its useful life and demonstrates extreme wear. There are two bridges with decks approaching the end of their design life, a culvert which requires extensions, and outdated guardrails along the project.

**SCOPE OF WORK:** This Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation (3R) project would consist of concrete and asphalt pavement repair, milling (a process of grinding off the existing roadway surface) and resurfacing 5.03 miles of N-94. The improvements on this project would consist of bridge deck repair, bridge deck replacement, concrete pavement repairs, culvert extension, railroad track removal, milling and resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, grading, asphalt patching, removing and replacing all guardrail and the addition of curb and flume. Repairs to the South Omaha Creek Bridge (Structure S09401301), between Walthill and the US-77 intersection, would include deck repair. The bridge deck would be replaced on the North Blackbird Creek Bridge (Structure S09401745) about a half mile west of the N-94/US-75 intersection. Work on the BNSF railroad in Walthill, between Hogeland and Brown Streets, would include replacing the crossing panels on the middle track and removing the unused eastern track.

#### TRAFFIC VOLUMES:

##### Nebraska Highway 94 (N-94)

Year	2015	2025
Vehicles Per Day (ADT)	1,425	1,440
% Heavy Trucks	4%	4%

**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:** Construction could begin as early as spring of 2015 and is expected to be completed late fall of the same year.

**PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC:** Due to bridge repairs, the project would require a detour of N-94 traffic between US-77 and US-75. US-77 and US-75 through Winnebago would be utilized for the official detour. N-94 would be open at the intersection of N-94/US-77 and west, but delays may occur in that area for traffic control. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY:** Permanent property right acquisitions for right-of-way (ROW) are anticipated. Temporary easements (TE) will be necessary at select locations including guardrail replacement areas and the culvert extensions. The project would be constructed primarily within existing ROW.

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS:** Permanent wetland impacts are not anticipated; temporary environmental impacts are possible. While the proposed project would be entirely within the Omaha Reservation, the detour would be routed through the Winnebago Reservation.

**ESTIMATED COST:** The estimated cost is approximately \$4.3 million. Construction would include federal and state funding. The city of Walthill would incur no cost for construction.